

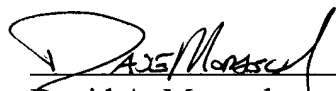
REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 11 and 38-41 have been canceled. Claims 1-10, 12-37, and 42-70 are pending, of which claims 1-10, 12-27, 42, 45, 49-52, 56-58, 63, 65, 67, and 70 have been amended.

Applicant believes that pending claims 1-10, 12-37, and 42-70 are in condition for allowance, and are allowable over the references of record. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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